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### COLLECTORS' NOTICE.

Mr. V. PARLES is now canvassing and collecting in Washington County. Our Agent Mr. J. SMALL will call upon Subscribers in Frank Jim County, during July and August.

### Disfranchisement.

It must be admitted that the result of the recent election in Virginia is an event pregnant with meaning in regard to the policy which will necessarily be pursued towards those who participated in the rebellion, and who are disqualified for voting or holding office under the provisions of the 14th Amendment or under State legislation by virtue of those provisions. The regular or "radical" Republicans of that State, who thought it necessary to perpetuate the test oath, and to secure the adoption of the disfranchising clauses of their new constitution, had confidently claimed a majority of thirty thousand in support of Gov. Wells. But a class of conservative republicans who were in favor of removing all disqualifications, and bestowing upon the late rebels the full rights of citizenship, held this nomination, called a convention of their own and nominated Col. Walker, a conservative carpet-bagger. The democrats abandoned their own candidate and rallied to the support of Col. Walker, thus defeating the radical Gov. Wells by a large majority.

The radicals throughout the South give heed to the lesson taught by this issue of the most exciting contest that has been witnessed in Virginia since the commencement of the new regime, they will speedily conclude that any further continuance of the proscription policy is inexpedient and unwise. The provisions of the 14th Amendment, recognizing the right of a State to disfranchise citizens for participation in rebellion and expressly excluding a certain class from official position as a proper penalty for the fruits of their treason, accorded well with the popular feeling and impulse of the North at the time of their adoption, and were generally commanded for their justice and magnanimity. The radicals indeed claimed much credit for treating the "greatest criminals" of the age with such marked tenderness and generosity; but if we are now purely a question of personal deserts, it might still be a grave question whether these political disabilities should be removed.

It is easy for your partisan demagogue to inflame the populace with a recital of the desolation and sorrow resulting from the southern rebellion. He will readily grow eloquent over the most "stupendous political crime in history," and remind them that it has drenched the land in blood, made a grave on every hillside and in every valley in the land, and left a maimed and crippled soldier at every other door. But the question comes, is this the way to heal the nation's bleeding wounds? Is it the part of a great government to pursue a policy calculated to perpetuate the bitterness and animosities engendered by the war and still lingering in the hearts of our Southern brethren? The history of the civil feuds in the different countries of Europe clearly shows that the reaction in public sentiment consequent upon vindictive policy of the triumphing party, has been most disastrous in its effects upon the stability of Government and the prosperity of the people. It stimulates a spirit of savage retribution which has a most baneful influence upon the progress of civilization. The vanquished party is led to a spirit of revenge, and will not only follow such precedents when the tables are turned upon the victors, but will increase and refine their penalties and prolong their inflictions.

It is safe to assert that it is this consideration of expediency or necessity which will weigh most with the radical politicians of the South in regard to the disfranchisement of the rebels, but whether the rebels will not disfranchise the Radicals. "It has to be remembered that it is now four years since Lee laid down his arms, and the sons of the men who fought in the confederate armies are rapidly attaining their majority. The Southern boy of the last fourteen years is now the Southern man, and is coming rapidly to the polls. There is nothing surer than that he will shortly have the upper hand and that when he gets it he will pay off those of his neighbors who have been keeping his father in 'subjection.' The Southern Radicals are therefore advised to conciliate the Southern boy by letting his father vote at once."

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## Foreign News.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

Dispatches via Atlantic Telegraph.

LONDON, July 6th. The 4th of July was celebrated in the principal cities of Europe. At Vienna a banquet was given at the United States Legation, at which Secretary Hay presided.

MADRID, July 6th. Combats have taken place in Seville between the troops and bands of Republicans. The latter have been dispersed and the city is comparatively quiet, though the excitement is intense.

Minister Figuerola has introduced a bill in the Cortes imposing penalties on those who neglect to take care of their animals, giving the new Constitution.

It proposes to set by law the benefit of the State, the patrimonial property of corporate bodies, and to suppress the salaries or pensions paid to any persons refusing to swear fidelity to the Constitution.

BARCELONA, July 6th. Dispatches from on board the Great Eastern have been received, bearing date of 10 o'clock this morning, and announcing the arrival of the expedition in the American waters.

LONDON, July 8. The Times has another editorial on the Irish Church bill, to-day, wherein it says this bill must become a law. The session of Parliament must destroy the Protestant supremacy and establish religious equality, but not attempt to set up a monopoly of establishment.

The Morning Star says that the British people have no right to indulge the peers who would deprive them of the luxury of being just. Hardly one of the amendments to the bill upon which they voted.

London, July 8. An appeal was before the Police Court to day on the charges of assault and provoking Mears, Grenville and Murray to fight a duel. The trouble between these gentlemen arose from certain articles alleged to have been written by Mr. Murray. After the examination Lord Carrington was bound over to keep a watch and a strict account of his conduct.

After these proceedings a dangerous and remarkable scene occurred in the court room. The partisans of Murray, who were present in great force, attempted to seize a box of papers which had been stolen. In the melee which ensued, twelve were frequently exchanged on the margins of the table overthrown.

Twelve policemen were called in, who separated the combatants and restored order.

PARIS, July 8. Notwithstanding official denials, a modification of the French Ministry is imminent. M. Rouher, representing the system of personal government, is sure to retire and give place to a new combination according to the will of the majority of the popular party. Thus purely constitutional revolution is effected it may be considered almost certain that M. Emile Olivier will be the chief of the new Ministry. The Emperor, it is said, is willing to abandon the arbitrary power which he has wielded since the coup d'etat, and make a better government with the majority and the Legislature. The Senate will soon assemble and carry out the necessary organic changes.

The Paris papers to-day say that the Emperor has written a letter, fresh in its qualities, following decided results in regard to the Cavaignac League.

"On the 14th of June I committed a great fault by acting without previous concert with the majority. I caused it to reward with suspicion my sentiment toward it. All my efforts should tend to repair its consequences."

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**CUBAN AFFAIRS.** Letters have been received in Washington from prominent officers in the Cuban insurrectionary army with dates, to the 1st inst. Intelligence of the arrest of members of the Cuban Junta, & others, who desired to give practical aid to the Cubans who were struggling to achieve their independence, has been received, and produced the most profound impression of surprise and regret. No other news could have caused such a feeling of despondency.

Letona, who has succeeded Lecu in command of the troops garrisoning Neuquias and Puerto Principe and guarding the railroad between those cities, is reported to have met with serious loss by the desertion of some two hundred of his troops to the standard of Quesada. The reported dissatisfaction among the Spanish troops is said to be increasing every day, caused by the frequent changes lately of the command of these ports and of the generals and regimental commanders. Frequent collisions are reported between the outposts of the two forces in the eastern department, with but small loss on either side, though the Cubans claim an advantage of position and of earnestness on the part of their troops. The Spanish commanders continue to execute all prisoners immediately to the death. Gen. Quesada has, hitherto reported the rights of prisoners, but this policy is giving dissatisfaction in the camp, and a number of his followers demand the right to retaliate.

HAVANA, July 7, by Rev. Wm. Ward, Amos B. Tilton and Wm. Brewster, both of Boston.

In Bogota, July 4, by Rev. S. D. Richardson, George D. Wood, and others.

IN EAST RODDING, July 11, by Rev. L. T. Carlton, Joseph A. Spencer of East Headland to Sarah M. Smith of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

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## Poetry.

### HEAVEN.

On Heaven I scarce never think,  
When they look with a trembling dread,  
At the silent future that stretches on,  
From the silent hours of the dead.  
No, never, but distance shore,  
Where the lovely ones who are called away,  
Must go to rest; and then,  
Our love's the mighty self,  
No mortality binds the eye,  
That we cannot see the angel bands  
Or the bright host of spirits.  
The soft shut in a dying bower,  
Will open next the lips of life;  
The welcome will sound in the heavenly world  
We're far from here, and in this.

With the shape of morning friends,  
To the arms of the loved and lost;  
And those sweet faces have I seen there,  
That I could not leave.

Yet still in the hours of thy thought,  
To the thinking soul is given  
That power to pierce the veil of sense,  
The secret of the ways of Heaven.  
Then very near comes the wide fall;  
And sweetly its harps fall;  
Till the voice of the angels say,  
Hark! the bell has rung.

I know when the silver bell is loose,  
When the bell shall pass me,  
Long and dark shall the passage be,  
To the realm of endless sleep.

### Our Story-Teller.

#### HOW I MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF.

As I sat alone at breakfast, I was somewhat surprised on receiving a most courteous and pressing invitation from my Uncle Jeremy, to spend a short time with himself and family at his seat, in Warwickshire, previous to my leaving England. The old gentleman and my father had been estranged for many years, so that I had not seen my Uncle Jeremy, save on one occasion, since my boyhood.

In consequence of my father's death, I had been summoned from America, where I had been pursuing my fortune with success, for a short time; and now, as I was about to leave, I was preparing to re-cross the Atlantic when my Uncle's letter reached me.

My mother and an older brother, with whom she now resided, were the only near relatives left in London. Fred, my long-sighted son, dwelt in the world with a good heart and kind eyes, and well knowing that my mother would be sure to receive every attention under his happy roof, I cared little to remain in England a homeless bachelor, while anything in the shape of marriage was still farther from my thoughts.

Of course, however, it was extremely oblique, which to do, as regards he could tell me, and expressed himself open at any moment to stake a handsome wager that he could introduce me to at least half a dozen angelic creatures, the possession of any one of whom would prove a fortune to me.

So, when I turned a deaf ear, Liberty was sweet, and I felt no haste to sacrifice it on the altar of Hymen. Not that I was a wild young gentleman, who did not care for the comforts and attractions of home; but I didn't wish to have the care of a house laid upon me so long as I felt happy and contented alone.

Six-twenty and alone! ha, ha! No one to bother and worry you—no shopping—no midsummer and Christmas bills to meet. Short reckonings and long friends free from the mortal coil.

I soon put on my chain and took to the mantle-piece lit a cigar, and smoked away for a couple of minutes more furiously; then I consulted my watch, rang the bell, ordered a hanover, resolved to see my brother Fred before I accepted or declined my Uncle's invitation.

"There is an unexpected epistle I received at my hotel this morning, Fred, and I want your advice upon it," said I, on entering his office.

"What are you going to get married, after all?" he asked.

"Are you going to drown yourself, sir?" said I.

"No, thank you," replied Fred, laughing.

"Well," said I, "don't ask nonsensical questions. Uncle Jeremy has sent me a very polite invitation to spend a week or two with him in Warwickshire before I leave England, and I thought I would just run down and ask you what I should do in the Yuletide."

"Why, of course, I'm sure," said Fred.

"Well, but does it not seem strange?" I asked;

"I don't quite understand it, and our father was never upon very good terms."

"No—they were not for many years," replied Fred;

"but matters were put right between them some time ago, by Uncle Jeremy's apologizing, and otherwise behaving like a gentleman."

"You are not that sort of that, Fred," said I.

"No, because I thought you would come to know all about it in due time. But I see here, Tom," continued my brother, returning the letter, "the even offers his friendship, should you happen to be in England; and that would be something worth having, I can tell you."

"Yes, doubtless it would," said I; "but I've got a balance at my banker's and can manage very well over the water. Besides, I don't think I should like to remain in England, now I've got so used to the Yankee fashion."

"Bob, all right, Tom; you'd become an Englishman again in no time," rejoined Fred, smiling.

"Perhaps so," said I; "but I doubt it. However, I'll follow your advice, and telegraph to Uncle Jeremy, saying I will be at Marston Hall to-morrow."

"But won't you dine with us this evening?" asked Fred.

"Oh! certainly," said I; "as is usual."

"Yes, at six," he replied.

And so, with a hearty laugh and a joyful evening we had; but, strange to say, not the least allusion was made to my intended visit to Uncle Jeremy's until I broached the subject myself by asking my brother if he thought I should enjoy the excursion, and what sort of time I might expect to meet there.

"Well, then, I beg to inform you, in the pleasantest terms, that you are extremely unkind in allowing such an idea to enter your mind," she replied, then, as if moved by availing or pursuing the subject, she continued, "I am, indeed, sorry that you should get into such a predicament, and I hope to make up for my newness now, before we have to leave the whole household."

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"You have been ill, cousin, very ill," she said, in a tone scarcely louder than a whisper; "and now you will be better, and then you can open up to me, but not now. I have been anxiously waiting until you told me that you might take some refreshments."

I motioned silence, and with a faint and grateful smile she withdrew as noiselessly as she came.

Many a long and weary night elapsed before I recovered from the dreadful shock my system had received. Many times I lay listlessly, gazing at the various objects around me, I could scarcely believe that I was under my cousin's roof; there were no sounds but those of the new morn now added with an expression of the deepest tenderness, and her eyes were fixed upon me with a look so sweet, ministering angel. I made an attempt to speak, but she raised her hand, and motioned me to keep silent.

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